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SUBJECT: SHABAN DEVELOPMENTS- JUNE 12,1978

1. MILITARY SITUATION: NO HOSTILITIES WITH FLNC FORCES
REPORTED. ON JUNE 10, ZAIRIAN SOLDIERS AT SUN-UP SURROUNDED
ZONE KEYNA, ONE OF LUBUMBASHI CITES FOR HOUSE-TO-HOUSE
SEARCHES AND CHECKS OF IDENTITY PAPERS. SEVERAL HUNDRED
PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED AND AT LEAST FIVE PERSONS WERE KILLED
BY FAZ. SEVERAL REPORTED THAT MONEY BOUGHT FREEDOM.
YOUNGER AND FITTER OF ARRESTEES WERE TO BE INDUCTED INTO
ARMY, OTHERS WITHOUT PAPERS WERE TO BE SENT BACK TO THEIR
VILLAGES. WHILE CONDON AND SEARCH OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN
CONDUCTED IN OTHER CITES, THIS IS FIRST REPORT OF
FAZ SHOOTINGS.

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2. FOREIGN MILITARY ACTIVITIES: FRENCH AND BELGIAN
TROOPS REMAINED IN POSITION IN SHABAN COPPERBELT TOWNS.
MOROCCAN STILL IN LUBUMBASHI AWAITING ARRIVAL OF
ALL THEIR EQUIPMENT. FIRST CONTINGENT OF OTHER PAN
AFRICAN FORCES, CONSISTING OF 45 GABONESE AND 136
TOGOLESE ARRIVED ON JUNE 11. ON JUNE 9-11, US
AIR FORCE FLEW TWO C-5A AND EIGHT C-141 MISSIONS

INTO LUBUMBASHI, DELIVERING MOROCCAN EQUIPMENT AND GABONESE TROOPS AND DEPARTING ALMOST ALWAYS EMPTY. TOGOLESE TROOPS ARRIVED ON FRENCH CHARTER AIRCRAFT THREE OF US AIR FORCE MISSIONS ON JUNE 12 ARE SCHEDULED TO FLY TO KAMINA FROM LUBUMBASHI TO PICK UP SOME OF BELGIAN TROOPS AND THEIR EQUIPMENT.

3. KOLWEZI: PARTIAL OPERATIONS OF GCM CONTINUE UNDER SECURITY OF FRENCH LEGIONNAIRES. ZAIRIAN MINISTER OF MINES, LBALA MBABU PAID ROUTINE VISIT TO GCM FACILITIES IN KOLWEZI JUNE 10. ACCORDING TO GCM OFFICIAL WHO ACCOMPANIED HIM HE WAS ONLY LOOKING AROUND. ICRC OFFICIAL MAINTAINS THAT FOOD IN KOLWEZI IS IN SHORT SUPPLY AND PROVISIONS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED, BUT SOTIRES OF STARVATION ARE EXAGGERATED. SOME SHIPMENTS OF RELIEF FOOD ARE EXPECTED JUNE 13.

4. OTHER SHABAN TOWNS: NERVOUS ABOUT FUTURE REMAINS PREDOMINANT FEELING IN OTHER COPPERBELT TOWNS. ABOUT 50 PERCENT OF EXPATRIATES IN LIKASI AND KIPUSHI HAVE SAID THEY DO NOT PLAN TO RETURN AFTER SUMMER HOLIDAYS, BUT GCM OFFICIALS ARE HOPEFUL THAT MANY WILL CHANGE THEIR MINDS IN COMING MONTHS. FRENCH HAVE SENT HOME DEPENDENTS OF ALMOST ALL OF FRENCH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PERSONNEL IN SHABA. CONFIDENTIAL

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5. SMTF PULLS OUT LAST EXPATRIATES. REMAINING FIVE OR SIX BRITISH SUBJECTS AT SMTF MINE IN FUNGARUME DEPARTED SHABA OVER THE WEEKEND. BELGIANS TROOOPS AT FUNGURUME HAD FACILITATED DEPARTURE WHICH PREVIOUSLY HAD BEEN FORBIDDEN BY ZAIRIAN AUTHORITIES. ZAIRIAN OFFICIAL REACTION IS NOT YET KNOWN. BUT MINES MINISTER MBALA IS DUE TO VISIT SITE ON JUNE 12. HONARY BRITISH CONSUL SAID DECISION HAD BEEN MADE IN LONDON TO EVACUATE ALL PERSONNEL EVEN IF SUCH DECISION MEANT TERMINATION OF CONCESSION.

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